

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Previously Presented) A print order system comprising:

order reception servers enabling reception of order information regarding image data via a network and installed respectively in a plurality of photograph processing agencies each having a photographic printer for printing the image data; and

an order terminal directly connectable via the network to each of the order reception servers in the plurality of photograph processing agencies, the order terminal generating the order information and placing an order for a print of the image data by directly transferring the order information to a corresponding one of the order reception servers installed in any specific one of the plurality of photograph processing agencies after directly accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency.

2. (Previously Presented) A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order information is generated and transferred by a program installed in the order terminal, the program causing a computer to execute procedures for generating the order information and transferring the order information to the order reception server installed in the specific photograph processing agency.

3. (Original) A print order system as defined in Claim 2, wherein the program is recorded in a recording medium, the recording medium further recorded with access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph

processing agency, and the order terminal reads the access information from the recording medium and accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been read.

4. (Original) A print order system as defined in Claim 3, wherein the photograph processing agencies respectively have recording means for recording the access information in the recording medium having the program recorded therein.

5. (Previously Presented) A print order system as defined in Claim 1 or 2, wherein access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency is recorded in a recording medium, and

the order terminal reads the access information from the recording medium and accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been read.

6. (Original) A print order system as defined in Claim 1 or 2, wherein access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency is printed on a printing medium, and

the order terminal reads the access information from the printing medium and accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been read.

7. (Original) A print order system as defined in Claim 1 or 2, wherein access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency is obtained from a predetermined Web server, and

the order terminal accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been obtained.

8. (Original) A print order system as defined in Claim 1 or 2, wherein access information used for accessing the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency is input to the order terminal, and

the order terminal accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been input thereto.

9. (Original) A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order terminal accesses the order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency and obtains photograph processing agency information regarding the specific photograph processing agency.

10. (Previously Presented) A print order system as defined in Claim 9, wherein the photograph processing agency information includes a charge of the print and a time of delivery of the print.

11. (Original) A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order reception server notifies the order terminal of status of printing based on the order information.

12. (Original) A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the photograph processing agencies respectively have attachment information output means for printing attachment information to be attached to the print, based on the order information.

13. (Previously Presented) A printing system installed in a photograph processing agency, the printing system comprising:

order reception servers enabling direct reception of order information and installed respectively in a plurality of photograph processing agencies, each having a photographic printer for outputting a print of image data; and

the order reception servers enabling direct reception of the order information from an order terminal via a network, the order information being generated by the order terminal used for placing an order for the print of the image data,

each of the order reception servers being capable of directly transferring the order information to any other order reception server in any other of the plurality of photograph processing agencies.

14. (Previously Presented) A printing system as defined in Claim 13, further comprising recording means for recording, in a recording medium, access information used for accessing the another order reception server installed in the another photograph processing agency, the recording medium having a program recorded therein to cause the order terminal to execute generation and transfer of the order information.

15. (Original) A printing system as defined in Claim 13 or 14, further comprising attachment information output means for outputting attachment information to be attached to the print, based on the order information.

16. (Original) A printing system as defined in Claim 13, wherein the order terminal is notified of status of printing based on the order information.

17. (Previously Presented) An order terminal installed in a photograph processing agency, the photograph processing agency having a photographic printer for outputting image data as a print, the order terminal being directly connectable via a network to each of a plurality of order reception servers in a plurality of other photographic processing agencies, the order reception servers enabling reception of order information regarding the image data, and the order terminal generating the order information and placing a print order regarding the image data by directly transferring the order information to a specific one of the order reception servers installed in a specific one of the plurality of other photograph processing

agencies after directly accessing the specific order reception server of the specific photograph processing agency.

18. (Previously Presented) An order terminal as defined in Claim 17, wherein the order information is generated and transferred according to a program, the program causing a computer to execute procedures for generating the order information and transferring the order information to the specific order reception server installed in the specific photograph processing agency.

19. (Previously Presented) An order terminal as defined in Claim 18, the program being recorded in a recording medium, the recording medium further recorded with access information used for accessing the specific order reception server in the specific photograph processing agency, and the order terminal reading the access information from the recording medium and accessing the specific order reception server installed in the specific photograph processing agency based on the access information that has been read.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for executing a predetermined procedure in an order terminal, comprising the steps of:

generating order information by executing a program on an order terminal, the order information regarding image data to be printed, said order information including at least said

image data to be printed, information indicating a print size of said image data, and information indicating a print quantity of said image data;

reading access information entered by a user by executing the program on the order terminal, the access information indicating ~~at least a specific photograph processing agency~~ a plurality of specific photograph processing agencies available to access an order reception server installed in each of said specific photographic processing ~~agency~~ agencies, and utilized for directly accessing said order reception server; and

transferring the order information from the order terminal to said order reception server installed in a specific one of said specific photograph processing ~~agency~~ agencies by directly accessing the order reception server according to said access information.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium having computer-executable instructions which, when executed on a computer, comprising:

an access information area on the computer-readable recording medium in which access information is recorded, the access information indicating ~~at least a specific photograph processing agency~~ a plurality of specific photograph processing agencies available to access ~~and an~~ order reception server installed in each of said specific photograph processing ~~agency~~ agencies, and utilized for directly accessing said order reception server; and a program area on the computer-readable recording medium in which a program is recorded, the program causing a computer to execute procedures for generating order information regarding image data to be printed, said order information including at least said

image data to be printed, information indicating a print size of said image data, and information indicating a print quality of said image data, reading said access information, and transferring the order information to said order reception server installed in a specific one of said specific photograph processing ~~agency~~agencies by directly accessing the order reception server according to said access information .

22. (Previously Presented) A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order terminal is a personal computer connectable to the network and owned by the user for placing the print order.

23. (Previously Presented) A print order system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order terminal is directly connectable via the network to each of the order reception servers in the plurality of photograph processing agencies, rather than via an order reception center.

24. (Previously Presented) A printing system as defined in Claim 13, wherein the order reception servers enable direct reception of the order information from the order terminal via the network, rather than via an order reception center.

25. (Previously Presented) An order terminal as defined in Claim 17, wherein the order terminal is directly connectable via the network to each of a plurality of order reception

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